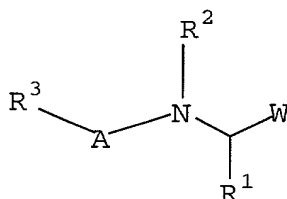


**TITLE**

Peptide Inhibitors of Hepatitis C NS3 Protease

**ABSTRACT**

10        This invention relates to a novel class of peptides  
having the Formula (I):



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15    which are useful as serine protease inhibitors, and more  
particularly as Hepatitis C virus(HCV) NS3 protease  
inhibitors. This invention also relates to pharmaceutical  
compositions comprising these compounds and methods of  
using the same in the treatment of HCV infection.

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